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# OUTDOOR EDUCATION CIT PROGRAM

## Ready to take on a leadership role?

The Outdoor Education Section is seeking teen volunteers (Ages 13-17, and completed 7th grade) for our Counselor in Training (CIT) program. CITs work alongside camp counselors where they teach campers, play games, hike, fish, canoe, and more.

This is a great way to build confidence and gain experience while transitioning from camper to counselor. Teens must be motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and willing to work with children in the outdoors.

## Dates of Camp:

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| Week 1 June 11-15 | Week 6 July 16-20       |
| Week 2 June 18-22 | Week 7 July 23-27       |
| Week 3 June 25-29 | Week 8 July 30-August 3 |
| Week 4 July 2-6   | Week 9 August 6-10      |
| Week 5 July 9-13  | Week 10 August 13-17    |

## Apply Online:

<http://bit.ly/OECIT2018>

\*online applications will be accepted  
through March 31, 2018

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The CIT program runs for 10 weeks during the summer at Indian Village Day Camp, Indian Village Preschool, Camp Terra, and Camp Walnut. CITs pay \$20 to participate, which covers the cost of two volunteer shirts and an event at the end of the summer. (Financial aid is available through the Outdoor Education CRC). Must be able to work Monday through Friday of all assigned weeks and attend orientation.

## **Summary of Responsibilities:**

Assist the camp director and counselors in organizing recreational activities for youth ages 4-12. Assist youth in arts and crafts, games, and outdoor activities. Help ensure the safety of program participants at all times. Assist in maintaining organization of site by completing tasks assigned. Follow instructions effectively and efficiently, requiring minimal guidance while completing assigned duties. Take the initiative to assist site staff in daily duties. Maintain a thorough knowledge of all policies and procedures; make sure policies and procedures are followed at all times. Assist in the supervision of youth while on excursions. Maintain a positive environment for program participants. Strive to be a role model for program participants. Perform other duties as assigned.

## **Work Environment:**

Works primarily in an outdoor park facility, both indoors and outdoors, in varying types of weather.

## **Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

CITs must have a desire to work with youth and to interact in a positive manner with all ages and backgrounds of children. This position requires a desire to develop leadership skills, problem solving abilities and decision making skills. CITs must have the ability to motivate self, peers, and youth in an enthusiastic manner. CITs must be reliable, honest, creative, and willing to follow through on all assigned tasks.

## **Education, Experience, & Qualifications:**

Must be between 13- 17 years of age and have completed 7th grade. Preference will be given to returning CITs, previous outdoor education summer campers, and volunteers who can participate at least three weeks. Experience working with youth in areas such as babysitting, scouts, church groups, sports or any other volunteer work is preferred. Qualified applicants must possess a clean and professional appearance and attitude and be comfortable working with the public.

## **Additional Information:**

Applications must be received by Saturday, March 31, 2018. All new CITs and returning CITs, not in good standing are required to interview. Returning CITs in good standing do not need to interview. Interviews will take place the week of April 9, 2018. Applicants will be notified as to which weeks they were accepted for and given orientation information no later than May 1, 2018. **Please note, due to limited space in the program, not all applicants may be accepted.**

## **Orientation Dates:**

May 22, 2018 or May 23, 2018 from 6 pm until 8 pm.

New CITs who are accepted into the program will be required to attend one orientation at McKnight Outdoor Education Center's Wyandot Lodge (3228 Indian Village Rd.) If you are a returning CIT you are not required to attend.

**This is a volunteer position; if expectations are not met or behavioral issues occur we reserve the right to dismiss participants from the program.**